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FOR: APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING
THE COLD STARTING
CAPABILITY OF AN
ELECTROCHEMICAL FUEL CELL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction
Requirement issued on September 26, 2003.

Election in Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, Group
II claims 12-20 and 22, which define an electric power generation
system comprising a fuel cell, a humidifier and a humidifier